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THE HERALD'S PLATFORM FOR TORRANCE

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CONSTRUCTIVE POWER

AMERICANS more and more are becoming an efficient people. Not only have the technical minds of this country devised methods and developed means for the performance of physical tasks with greater accuracy and lessened expenditure of costly effort, but the general mentality of the inhabitants of this section of the globe has been demonstrated as capable of making instantaneous use of every device and method so developed.

Physical volume of manufactures per person in the United States increased in volume nearly 50 percent from 1899 to 1925, census figures of the Department of Commerce show. This reflects a growth of 180 percent in quantity production, with an increase of less than 90 percent of persons engaged.

In recent years expansion in manufacturing output per person has been particularly large. It was 10 percent in the two years from 1923 to 1925, and 40 percent in the six years from 1919 to 1925.

Mass production, elimination of waste, labor-saving devices and more efficient machinery are factors. But behind the intriguing story of manufacturing in this country, and in every community, there is one outstanding factor—Power.

Electricity has, perhaps, been the greatest contributing factor in the amazing development of this Land of Opportunity, where tasks which in past decades—and in some parts of the world still—required vast expenditure of bulky physical effort, now flash through mechanical hands.

Because of their willingness to adopt and make use of modern machinery and the modern power which operates it, the American people have increased their productive capacity forty-fold, it was estimated by R. H. Ballard, chairman of the public policy committee of the National Electric Light Association at the association's recent convention in Atlantic City. And the future is still ahead.

Looking to the future, Mr. Ballard's report asserted that, "considering its advantages, electricity is cheap at any price. Nevertheless we urge that by means of research, engineering, commercial and financial skill, co-ordination of resources, and by active co-operation with other agencies in a position to aid, greater output be derived from present investment so that what is now remarkably cheap may become cheaper."

"We have already saved millions to industry and released many millions more for productive effort—we

should seek to save still more so that our industry may stand out in history as a notable example of American genius and enterprise dedicated to public service and justifying the faith bestowed upon it by countless admirers and investors. That is a constructive thought of the first order.

How to Play BRIDGE A new series of lessons by Wynne Ferguson

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ARTICLE No. 35 Duplicate auction bridge is gaining popular favor very rapidly, and in time will rival the regular game in public esteem. One of its chief attractions is the fact that it enables players to compare the results of their holding and play with that of their friends and thus gives a fair rating. In duplicate auction the same hands are played by all participants, so that the element of luck is eliminated as to cards held. Unfortunately, however, the hands cannot be played against the same opponents, and as the opponents vary, so will their bidding and play. Here is where the element of luck is still an important factor, just as important as in the regular game. A very fine example of how this works out in a particular instance is the following hand, recently played at a Cleveland club in one of its duplicate auction bridge tournaments:

Problem No. 42 Hearts—J, 9, 8, 3 Clubs—Q, J, 2 Diamonds—2 Spades—10, 8, 4, 2, 2

Hearts—K, 10, 5 Clubs—A, 10, 8, 6, 3 Diamonds—A, 9, 8, 4 Spades—6

Z has the deal and at each of three tables correctly bid one club. From there on, however, the results were very different. At table No. 1 A and Y passed and B bid one diamond. Z and A passed and B bid two clubs. B then bid two diamonds and Z bid three clubs. A then decided it was time for him to get into the bidding, so doubled three clubs. It wasn't a free double, but from A's viewpoint seemed perfectly sound. A opened the queen of diamonds and Y-Z made three clubs doubled. In duplicate auction a game scores 125 points, three clubs doubled 36 points, bonus for contract 50 points, and four honors 40 points; or a total of 251 points. Figure out the play for practice.

At table No. 2 Z bid one club, A and Y passed, and B, instead of bidding one diamond, made an informatory double. Z passed and A had the choice between a spade bid and no-trump. With a double stopper in clubs, however, A correctly bid one no-trump. All passed and Y opened the queen of clubs. A-B made four odd in no-trump, scoring 125 points for game and 40 points for tricks, a total of 165 points. Play out the hand for practice.

At table No. 3 there was still another variation. Z bid one club, A and Y passed and B bid one diamond and all passed. Z opened the ace of clubs, which B trumped. By a very pretty play he managed to make a little slam, losing only the ace of diamonds. His score was 125 points for game, 42 points for tricks, 50 points for the slam, and 10 points for honors, or a total of 257 points. The play of the hand at diamonds is so interesting that it is given as a problem. Solution in the next article.

Problem No. 43 Hearts—none Clubs—A, 9 Diamonds—10, 8 Spades—none

Hearts—K Clubs—none Diamonds—J, 6 Spades—6

There are no trumps, and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z win three of the four tricks against any defense? Solution in the next article.



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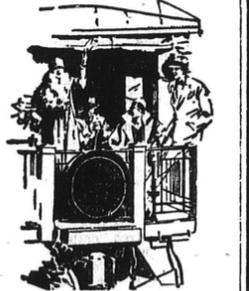
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